

Hodgenville, KY

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Dec. 16, 1811

Jan. 23, 1812

Feb. 07, 1812

Pusey, Wm. A. (1930)

Mount Gilead, Kentucky, Earthquake on Sunday night Dec. 15th, 2 of the clock at night a severe shock of an earthquake was felt. The motion of shaking continued about 15 minutes. About half an hour after this shock was over another was felt less severe, continued only a minute or two. The next day, Monday morning the 16th, a little after sun rise another shock was felt, the tremor continued a few minutes. Two other slight shocks were felt that morning -- the next shock was on Sunday about midday not so violent as the first. The weather for some days before had been dull and cloudy. Again on the night of the 30th instant a shock was felt. Again on Jany (Thrusday) 23 1812 at 8 o'clock in the morning another severe shock was felt. The tremor continued for several minutes. When it had stilled another shock was felt which lasted a minute or two. On Monday morning Jany 27th, a slight shock was felt -- on Tuesday evening, 4th Feby 1812 a slight shock was felt. The trembling of the earth continued for several minutes suppd. 6 or 7 -- and a rumbling noise heard. These are the shocks that we have felt at this place. By report hardly a day passes but the trembling of the Earth is more or less felt. In time of the severest shocks to attempt to walk you feel light head and reel about like a drunken man. Again on the night of Thrusday, the 6th Feby. about 4 o'clock A.M. a very severe shock was felt which lasted fully 15 minutes with a rumbling noise like distant thrunder and three very distinct reports like cannon was heard at the end of it. Again on Friday night the 7th a smart shock at 8 o'clock then about 11 o'clock another less severe. Frequently you may feel a trembling in the Earth when there is no visible appearance of shaking. It has invariably been cloudy weather about the time of the shocks and rains or snow shortly after. Again on the night 20th Feb. about 9 or 10 o'clock 2 slight shocks were felt the last of which continued its tremor for more than 15 minutes. Again on Saturday night 22d about 10 o'clock another slight shock.

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Mount Gilead is three miles north of Hodgenville, Kentucky.